THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

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THE Managers for the MANUFACTURING SOCIETY in *Williamsburg* beg Leave to inform the Public that they are now prepared to receive Apprentices to weaving, spinning, &c. Those who wish to be taken in are desired to apply soon.

RESOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY.

"IN Order to train up useful Manufacturers, and in Hope of making some Provision for the better Maintenance of poor Children, a convenient Number of Apprentices will be received in the different Branches, who shall be bound to the Chairman for the Time being, and his Successors, for Terms not less than five Years. Each, and such Apprentices, at the Expiration of their Indentures, shall be entitled to a reasonable Reward, as their Freedom Dues, not exceeding ten Pounds, nor less than three Pounds ten Shillings, Regard being had to the Time of their Service, and their good Behaviour. And this Society doth engage that strict Attention shall be paid to the Morals of such Apprentices, and that Care will be taken to have them properly instructed, so as to render them the more useful Members of Society."

☞ *The Society are in Want of some good* WEAVERS *and* SPINNERS.

BALTIMORE, *December* 11.

Extract of a letter from TRENTON, *December* 3, 1776.

"ON the 1st instant the enemy appeared on the opposite side of Brunswick river, and began to play on the town with their artillery, but did little damage; we returned the fire from our artillery with great briskness, which obliged the enemy to retreat two miles back. Our army are in high spirits, expecting to be reinforced to-morrow from Pennsylvania, with a body of 3000 militia, a German battalion, and a number of field pieces. Howe's army is in a bad situation, and if they advance, which we are wishing for, we shall have a fair opportunity to give them a severe blow, particularly if General Gates joins General Lee, and comes on their backs, we have the greatest reason to hope for success. This day an express has been despatched to General Lee to hasten his march. Expect in my next to give you some interesting and very agreeable intelligence."

By an officer of the Maryland battalion, just arrived from the American camp, which he left last Friday, we are informed, that General Washington, from intelligence which he had received from General Lee (then encamped at New Ark with 13,000 men) had marched his army from Princeton and Trenton to Brunswick, and that the British army, who had continued on the opposite side of Brunswick, had suddenly retreated back towards Amboy, in order to embark for New York.------ General Washington, when he left the camp, had a strong army, and that it was thought the two Generals would attack the English army before they passed Amboy.

Yesterday arrived here the ship Lydia, lately commanded by Captain Dean, bound from Jamaica to London, taken by the Harlequin privateer, belonging to this port. Her cargo consists of 168 hogsheads of sugar, 30 tierces of ditto, 230 hides, 7 barrels of turtle shell, 9 mohogany planks, 12 bags of cotton, 3 hogsheads, 1 tierce, and 25 bags of pimenta, and several casks of indigo; estimated to be worth upwards of 20,000 l.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 20.

IT is reported that Capt. Travis, in a cruizer from this State, has taken three valuable prizes, one of them a Jamaicaman; but as none of them are yet arrived here, the news wants confirmation.

The confused state of Philadelphia, on account of General Howe's approach, it is supposed prevents the publication of the news-papers in that city, none having arrived yesterday by the post. Private letters from thence of the 10th instant say, that the main body of the enemy was at Trenton, within 30 miles of Philadelphia, but it was doubted whether they would be able to cross the Delaware, notwithstanding they had a number of flat-bottomed boats with them for that purpose. There are some accounts which mention that General Lee was on Howe's rear. If this be true, from so great an advantage a general battle with the enemy it is probable will be fortunate in the event to the United States. Other letters say that General Lee's situation is not known; that the royal army is divided into three bodies, one of which was advanced as far as Burlington. Further particulars we have not been able to collect.

Extract of a letter from Northampton county, Dec. 16.

"By an officer of the 9th regiment, who arrived from Philadelphia this day, with despatches to Col. Fleming, we hear of the removal of Congress to Baltimore. General Howe has got as far as Trenton, and some of his light-horse have been within twenty miles of Philadelphia. All the inhabitants of that city are summoned to arms. The Roebuck and Kingfisher are in Delaware bay."

We hear the very elegant dwelling-house of Carter Braxton, Esq; of King William, by some accident caught fire on Wednesday evening last, and was unfortunately burnt to the ground.

GEORGE WEBB, Esq; is chosen Treasurer of this State, in the room of Robert C. Nicholas, Esq; who has resigned.

To the PRINTERS.

GENTLEMEN,

The freeholders of Augusta, of whom many are your customers, request you to print the following in your gazette. They have ordered you to be paid, and remain, Gentlemen, Your respectful humble servants.

THE militia, and the other freeholders of Augusta, have viewed with concern, the contempt with which some have affected to treat their former sentiments. They think it, however, but just to present *the member of the established church*, and the writer of *the card returned*, with compliments of the *same* kind.

The freeholders of Augusta, as their representatives desired it, gave their opinion of some matters, then in view, without design to offend any person whatever. The relation between representatives and their constituents, as *freemen* understand it, will justify, they think, a freedom of expression beyond what they used. They also think, that the prospect of *equal liberty* or *partial slavery* in the Commonwealth, which alternately agitated the minds of all, may be judged a sufficient cause of greater earnestness than characterized their *piece*. And they are fully persuaded that the *sensible* part of their fellow subjects, who have not too suddenly changed the general *object* LIBERTY, for DOMINATION, will readily acquit them.

The freeholders of Augusta are much faulted, it is reported, for saying, "that they would never be influenced by the slavish maxim in politics, *that whatever is enacted by that body of men in whom the supreme power of the State is vested, must, in all cases be implicitly obeyed; and, that an attempt to repeal an unjust law can be vindicated beyond a simple remonstrance to the legislators.*" The freeholders of Augusta still say the same. Is it possible they should *believe* the contrary? *Believe*, that *whatever* is enacted by such a body of men, must, in *all cases* be *implicitly* obeyed, and that *no* attempt to repeal a law, however *unjust*, or how *oppressive* soever it may be, can be justified beyond a *bare* remonstrance. The Augusta freeholders utterly detest *this* as the *doctrine* of *tyrants*, and *faith* of *slaves* and *fools*.

"A case which is very intelligible, but which they believe will never "happen, will demonstrate the absurdity of such a maxim. Suppose "our legislators should make a law to exempt themselves from paying "taxes to the government, or to vest in themselves a power to dispose "of the property of their fellow subjects at their pleasure." In such a case, must *this* supposed law be *implicitly* obeyed? Is a *simple remonstrance to the legislators* in this case all that *would* be, or that *ought* to be attempted? Would not the *religion* of the most meek and passive gentry *forbid* them to give up their *patrimony* upon such a claim as this? Or can it be even supposed that *the religion*, which could most obligingly counsel them to hold what they had no better a right to, than the legislators would have to their estates in the former case (viz. the consent of a majority) would preach to them the doctrine of *non resistance?*

The freeholders of Augusta, however, disclaim the construction *some* have put upon the fore-mentioned sentence, and the application *some* have made of it. It could not have, nor was it intended to have a reference to the legislators of the Commonwealth, before they cease to be *wise and virtuous, subvert justice*, and the *ends* of government. But if laws of such a nature should ever be framed, the freeholders of Augusta are still of the opinion that they ought to be defeated in their effects, and totally abolished, by any means in the power of a free people.

The freeholders of Auguſta are perſuaded, that the Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly know, though others may not, that the above ſentence, which has moſt unexpectedly given offence, was taken from Dr. Prieſtley's eſſay on political liberty. A ſentence which paſſed the *review* of the *virtual cenſors* of Great Britain, with deſerved applauſe, and will ever be approved by the *intelligent* friends of *liberty*, and haters of *oppreſſion*. That *nicer*, and more *irritable* ſenſibility than has appeared among the jealous ſtateſmen of Britain, the freeholders of Auguſta think, will never do *honour* to the advocates of freedom, nor be a *virtue* in their countrymen.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 20, 1776.

THE Subſcribers beg Leave to ſolicit their Friends and Cuſtomers to ſettle and diſcharge their reſpective Accounts; thoſe at leaſt that have been twelve Months ſtanding. This requeſt they hope will not be thought unreaſonable, when it is conſidered they are obliged to pay ready Money for every Neceſſary, and particularly Medicines, at a very high Price.----Our Friends we hope will conſider that we cannot demand ready Money for our Services; and when we ſolicit for Payments to be made us but once a Year, we do expect it will be readily complied with, otherwiſe we cannot purſue our Practice, without manifeſt Injury to ourſelves and Families.

PASTEUR & GALT.

THE Subſcriber informs the Public in *Virginia* that he has removed to *Chriſtiana Bridge*, where he has Shallops prepared for conveying Packages, *&c.* to and from *Philadelphia*. All Gentlemen who pleaſe to favour him with their Commands may depend upon his utmoſt to ſerve them with Deſpatch; and any Buſineſs that Gentlemen ſhall pleaſe to employ him to tranſact for them in the ſaid City ſhall be done with Punctuality and Fidelity. Cargoes to be ſent to his Charge muſt be forwarded to Mr. *Tobias Rudolph*, at the *Head* of *Elk*, who will take Care to have them landed at the Subſcriber's Wharf, from whence every Thing through that Channel ſhall be ſpeedily ſent off, and delivered to each particular Gentleman ſuch Goods may be conſigned to in *Philadelphia*. (2) JOHN BRINCKLE.

TO be ſold at the Subſcriber's, in *James City* County, on *Thurſday* the 26th Inſtant *(December)* ſundry Houſe and Kitchen Furniture, Horſes Hogs, Sheep, and Cattle, about 300 Barrels of Corn, 2 or 300 Buſhels of Oats, Blade and Top Fodder, a few Hogſheads of Cyder, a double Chair and Harneſs, Plantation Utenſils, and many other Articles. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed for all Sums above 40s. the Purchaſer giving Bond and good Security, to carry Intereſt from the Date if not punctually paid.

(1) J. STRINGER.

YORK COUNTY, *October* 21, 1776.

STOLEN from the Subſcriber, by a certain *John Dowbery*, a SORREL MARE about 14 Hands high, with a Switch Tail and hanging Mane, branded on the near Buttock A, has a Star in her Forehead, a Hole in one of her hind Hoofs, and was with Foal when taken away. *Dowbery* pretends he took her up, and that ſhe got away from him; but I am inclined to believe he has ſold her, as he offered to exchange her. If any Perſon has bought the ſaid Mare, and will return her to me at *Oſborne*'s Warehouſes, in *Cheſterfield*, he ſhall have 40s. Reward, and the Money paid him that he gave for her, in Caſe the Thief ſhall be convicted, or 40s. and no Queſtions aſked; or I will give 20s. Reward if delivered to Mr. *Frederick Brian* at *Barret*'s Ferry.

(1‖) THOMAS IRWIN.

WANTED, at *Hunter*'s Iron Works, the Falls of *Rappahannock* River, in the Manufactory of ſmall Arms, a Number of Hands who underſtand the File, alſo Anchor Smiths, Blackſmiths, and Nailers, to whom ſuitable Encouragement will be given; where may be had, for ready Money only, Bar Iron, Fullers Shears, Files, and a Variety of Articles made in the Iron Branch, and where Tradeſmen of every Kind, who incline to ſettle, may have Half Acre Lots of Land at a ſmall Ground Rent for ever, and may be aſſiſted in building, Proviſions, and Materials, and the Produce of their Labour taken in Payment for the ſame. Apply to *John Strode*, Manager of ſaid Works. (4)

☞ Negro Tradeſmen in any of the above Branches, alſo Coopers, would be preferred on Purchaſe, for ready Money.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Soldiers that are on Furlough from the Detachment belonging to the 8th Regiment, that they are to meet me at *Fredericksburg*, in Order to march immediately. In Caſe of Failure, they will be treated as Deſerters.

Dec. 18, 1776. (2‖) ABEL WESTFALL, Captain.

HANOVER, *December* 19, 1776.

WANTED to purchaſe, or charter to the *Weſt Indies*, three or four good BOATS, two or three VESSELS from 90 to 150 Tons Burthen.

(2‖) RICHARD BURNLEY.

N. B. I will give the beſt Wages to SEAMEN.

HANOVER, *December* 16, 1776.

THOSE whom it may concern are deſired to take Notice that no Tobacco will be inſpected at *Crutchfield*'s, *Page*'s, or *Meriwether*'s Warehouſes, without the Inſpection Money be firſt paid, which is three Shillings per Hogſhead.

1‖ THE INSPECTORS.

THE Gentlemen of *North Carolina* from whom I have purchaſed Hogs will pleaſe to deliver them as followeth, *viz.*----*Eliſha Battle* and others, *John Whitaker* and others, and *William Ruffin*, will deliver their Hogs to Capt. *Nicholas Faulcon*, Junior, on the Road about three Miles from *Cobham*.----Col. *Thomas Pow* and Son, *Thomas Davis*, *Joſeph Whitehead*, *Bennet Hill*, *Benjamin Rogers*, *William Williams*, and *Joſiah Riddick* will deliver their's to Meſſ. *Pearce* and *Davis* of *Smithfield*.----*John Smith* of *Johnſon* County, and *Iſaac Seſſums*, will deliver their's to Col. *William Acrill* at *Cobham*.----*John Young*, *Willie Jones*, Eſq; *Ezekial Wimberley*, *John Bond*, *Jeſſe Barnmore*, *Elizabeth Williams*, *Howel Edmunds*, *John Narſworthy*, and *Thomas Joyner*, will deliver their's to Capt. *Robert Tynes* near *Smithfield*.

The above Gentlemen will entertain the Drivers, *&c.* while the Hogs are killing, and pay the Money for

(2‖) JOHN HAWKINS.

STRAYED or STOLEN from Mrs. *Camp*'s, near *Williamſburg*, on the 10th of this Inſtant *(December)* a likely SORREL HORSE 3 Years old next Spring, about 4 Feet 9 Inches high, has a long undockt Tail and thin hanging Mane, a white Spot, the Bigneſs of a Bit, on his left Jaw, trots and gallops, and branded (though not very plain) on the near Buttock, B T. Whoever delivers the ſaid Horſe to Mrs. *Camp*, or gives the Subſcriber (living at *Todd's Bridge*, *King & Queen* County) ſuch Intelligence as he may get him again, ſhall have 20s. Reward, beſides what the Law allows.

(2‖) BERNARD TODD.

TAKEN up, in *Nanſemond*, a BLACK COW and RED STEER, *viz.* the Cow marked with a Crop in the left Ear, and a Slit in the right; the Steer with a Crop and Nick under the left Ear, and a Crop and Square in the right. Poſted, and appraiſed, the Steer to 3l. and the Cow to 2l. 10s.

(2‖) ABRAHAM BALLARD.

TAKEN up, in *Cheſterfield*, a BLACK HORSE about 4 Feet 2 Inches high, about 4 Years old, a Star in his Forehead, and a Saddle Spot on his near Side; alſo a ROAN MARE 2 Years old, and a SORREL 1 Year old. They are neither docked nor branded. Poſted, and appraiſed, the black Horſe to 7l. and the Roan and Sorrel to 10l each. (‖) GEORGE MARKHAM.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 19, 1776.

LOST about a Week ago, between the Capitol and the Houſe of Mr. *Richard Charlton*, an elegant TOOTH-PICK CASE, lately imported from *Paris*, with a Smelling Bottle and Gold Stopper at one End. Whoever will deliver it to the Subſcriber ſhall receive a Reward adequate to his Trouble.

(1‖) WILLIAM DAWSON.

HANOVER FULLING-MILL.

AT our WOOLLEN MANUFACTORY are wanted good WOOLLEN WEAVERS, alſo a Man who underſtands Dying and Shearing, where Gentlemen may be ſerved in the beſt and moſt expeditious manner, by their humble Servants,

(2‖) ELISHA & ROBERT WHITE.

STRAYED, the 15th of *March* 1776, from the Subſcriber, in *Blandford*, *Prince George* County, two BRIGHT BAY MARES, one 8 Years old laſt Spring, branded on the near Shoulder with a Stirrup Iron, her near Ear pared rounding, has two large Saddle Spots, one on each Side, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, trots and gallops, is about 4 Feet 6 Inches high, has a homely Head, and is gaunt made; the other 4 Years old laſt *Auguſt*, about 4 Feet 2 or 3 Inches high, not docked nor branded, with a few white Hairs in her Forehead, as well as I remember, has been rode but little, trots and gallops, and is fond of the other. I will give 20s. Reward to any Perſon that will deliver them to me in *Blandford*.

SAMUEL BRASSINGTON.

N. B. The old Mare was bred in *Mecklenburg*.

Juſt Publiſhed,

And for SALE by the Printers of this Gazette, at the uſual Prices,

The VIRGINIA ALMANACK

For the Year 1777,

Fitting VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, NORTH CAROLINA, *&c.*

TO BE HIRED, at the Plantation of Mr. *Nathaniel Wyche*, deceaſed, in the County of *Suſſex*, the firſt Day of *January* next, twelve likely *Virginia* born NEGROES. At the ſame Time will be expoſed to Sale, ſeveral good Work HORSES, and a likely young NEGRO FELLOW.——All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to attend on that Day, and alſo thoſe to whom it is indebted, that the Accounts may be ſpeedily ſettled. There are likewiſe belonging to ſaid Eſtate three Pair of good SAWYERS, which may be hired by the Week or Month. Bond, with approved Security, will be required by the (2) EXECUTORS.

TAKEN up, in *Buckingham*, a SORREL HORSE about 7 Years old next Spring, about 4 Feet 10 Inches high, has a large Blaze in his Face, all of his Feet are white, ſhod before, has a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, but no Brand to be ſeen. Poſted, and appraiſed to 25 l. (‖) JACOB SALLEY.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 2, 1776.

LOST, on *Tueſday* the 26th of *November*, between *Jameſtown* and Mrs. *Starke*'s of this Place, a Pair of BLACK SADDLE BAGS, with a ſmall Braſs Padlock, containing ruffled and plain Shirts, Cambrick Stocks, a Pair of Worſted Stockings, and a dark Ground ſpotted Handkerchief marked A M. Whoever will give Intelligence of them, or deliver the ſame to Mrs. *Starke*, ſhall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward. (‖) ALEXANDER MOSELEY.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from *Peterſburg*, the 3d of *September* laſt, an IRON GRAY HORSE, 5 or 6 Years old, 4 Feet 8 or 9 Inches high, a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, one hind Hoof ſtriped (if I miſtake not) ſome Saddle Spots, ſeveral bay coloured Spots on the near Side of his Neck, no Brand that I remember, trots and gallops, and is unſhod. Whoever brings the ſaid Horſe to *Peterſburg*, or to *Vauxhall* in *James City*, ſhall have 20s. Reward, beſides reaſonable Charges, from (‖) FRANCIS HILL.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, out of the Paſture of *Julius Allen*, in *Henrico* County, a SORREL HORSE 15 Years old, about 13 Hands 3 Inches high, has a Star in his Forehead, a white Mane and Tail, gallops very well, but apt to ſtumble when rode ſlow, and has no Brand. Whoever delivers him to me in *New Kent* County, ſhall be handſomely rewarded.

(2‖) AMELIA THOMAS.

CAROLINE, *November* 26, 1776.

TO be SOLD at *Frederickſburg*, on the ſecond *Monday* in *January*, if fair, otherwiſe next fair Day, 60 *Virginia* born NEGROES, conſiſting of Men, Women, and Children. The Time of Payment to be agreed on at the Day of Sale, and a large Diſcount allowed for ready Money. Thoſe who purchaſe on Credit to give Bond, with approved Security, to carry Intereſt from the Date if not punctually paid. GAWIN CORBIN, Junior.

FOR SALE, about 4000 Acres of very good LAND in *Charles City*, near the Courthouſe, being Part of a Tract of 10,000 Acres belonging to *William Cole*, known by the Name of *Buckland*.—Alſo a Tract of about 1500 Acres in *Warwick* County, adjoining *Rich Neck*, known by the Name of *Baldriff Neck*. This Tract is ſo ſituated that one Half of it may be fenced in with very little Trouble.—Likewiſe 412 Acres belonging to the Subſcriber, lying in the lower End of *Goochland*, near Col. *Syme*'s *Rocky* Mill, about 20 Miles above *Richmond*; and another Tract in the lower End of *Cumberland*, near to the *American Town*, containing 375 Acres.-----One Third of the Purchaſe Money to be paid down, the Remainder will be made eaſy to the Purchaſers, on giving Bond and Security. The Terms may be known by applying to me, near *Cumberland* Courthouſe.

(‖) EDMUND LOGWOOD.

*** I will attend at *Swynard*'s, near *Charles City* Courthouſe, from the 27th to the 30th of *December*. Good Slaves will be taken in Part Payment.

RICHMOND, *December* 2, 1776.

THE Subſcriber has for Sale a very likely NEGRO BOY. He has been bred a Waiter, and underſtands taking Care of Horſes. (2) JOHN BARRET.

NORFOLK County, *November* 21, 1776.

NOTICE is hereby given, that ſome of the Plate belonging to the Eſtate of *Frederick Auguſtus Doeber*, deceaſed, being miſſing, *to wit*, a Coffee Pot, two Cans, two Butter Boats, four Waiters, a Croſs, and Set of Caſters, all deciphered with the Letters I. C. G, alſo wtelve Table Spoons. The ſaid Plate is ſuppoſed to be loged in the Hands of ſome Friend of the Deceaſed, or to be ſtolen. A Reward of TEN POUNDS is therefore offered any Perſon who will deliver, or give ſuch Information, that the ſame may be recovered. Should it be with a Friend, it is requeſted that he will make Report thereof to

(4‖) CHRISTIAN DOEBER.

OSBORNES, *November* 26, 1776.

AS I have now removed from *Portſmouth* to this Place, I wiſh any Letters that are directed for me to be forwarded here by Poſt, wherever they are. When any of my Friends wiſh to make Sales, or Purchaſes, on this River, I will be glad of their Orders. ALEXANDER LOVE.

*** I want a Quantity of BARLEY, for which I will give ready Money, and a good Price.

TAKEN up, in *Prince George* County, near the *Haricain* Church, a BLACK BULL about 3 Years old laſt Spring, marked with a Crop in the right, and a Slit in the left Ear. Poſted, and appraiſed to 35s. (‖) RICHARD BIGGONS.

FREDERICKSBURG, *November* 23, 1776.

WANTED, on Freight for *Europe* and the *Weſt Indies*, ſuitable Veſſels, which, if required, will be enſured. (4) JAMES & ADAM HUNTER.

TO BE HIRED for the enſuing Year, at *King William* Courthouſe, on *Monday* the 30th of *December* next, about fifty likely *Virginia* born NEGROES, conſiſting of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, being Part of the Truſt Eſtate of Col. *Philip Johnſon*. Bond and Security will be required, to carry Intereſt from the Date if not punctually diſcharged. All Perſons who hired the above Negroes the laſt Year are deſired to return them at the Day and Place above-mentioned, well clothed; and thoſe in Arrears for Hire are requeſted to make Payment to (5) JOHN WATKINS, for Truſtees.

FOR SALE, a Tract of LAND lying in *James City* County, on *Scimino* Creek, about 7 or 8 Miles from *Williamſburg*, containing about 500 Acres, with a valuable firm Marſh thereto adjoining. There is on ſaid Land an exceeding good Dwelling-Houſe, with two Brick Chimnies, two Rooms and Cloſets, and a Paſſage below Stairs, and the ſame above, with Fire Places in each Room, other neceſſary Houſes, good Apple and Peach Orchards, and is very convenient to Fiſh and Oyſters. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber, in *King William*. (tf) JOHN WATKINS.

Meſſ. DIXON & HUNTER,

You will much oblige a cuſtomer by giving the enclоſed a place in your gazette.

ACCORDING to a fiction of the poets, Paris ſon of Priam decided the conteſt of beauty in favour of, and gave the golden apple to, Venus: By which means he much diſpleaſed Juno and Minerva her rivals.

An ACROSTIC.

S o was the Queen of Papho's iſle
A mong her Graces ſeen to ſmile,
L ovely, divine, genteel in mien,
L eſt either Goddeſs ſhould be Queen:
Y oung Paris, had he this maid ſeen,
" C ombin'd, O! Graces," would have ſaid,
" A ttend this blooming, rival maid,
" Reſpectful to her brighter eyes,
" Yield to *her* worth the golden prize."

☞ *ON reflecting that every neceſſary for carrying on the printing buſineſs is daily increaſing in extravagance of price, and, from the calamities of the times, ſtill more difficult to procure, particularly the main article,* PAPER; *and alſo finding, by woful experience, that public ſolicitations for payments have been generally fruitleſs; the printers, from abſolute neceſſity, once more, and the laſt time, aſſure all thoſe cuſtomers who have* not paid any part of their ſubſcription money for near TWO YEARS, *that they will have but one more gazette ſent them, except they diſcharge their reſpective accounts by the end of the preſent month. The printers however, have a grateful ſenſe of the favours done them by thoſe good cuſtomers who pay punctually; but the injury they ſuſtain by delays muſt be obvious to all, and, if much longer ſuffered, would end in ruin.*

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